

Physical Disability (PD) Program Eligibility for Eligibility Assessor Policy

Community Supports and Programs Home and Community Based Services (HCBS)

Q&A

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- Q1. Is it a new requirement that someone must not meet the definition of having a Intellectual/Developmental Disability (IDD) be eligible for the Physical Disability (PD) waiver?**
- A1. No. This has always been a level of care eligibility requirement for the Physical Disability waiver. For the safety of the consumer and the safety/liability of the provider, the Physical Disability waiver is not designed to serve those with the IDD specific needs. If the consumer is determined ineligible when a level of care assessment is completed for the IDD program, and the consumer has specific needs due to a physical disability, the consumer may be assessed for the PD Waiver. If the consumer has a documented need for services on the IDD waiver, due to an IDD diagnosis, and has been determined eligible for the IDD waiver, they may not be assessed for the PD waiver.
- Q2. Will PD waiver consumers be required to transition to the Frail Elderly (FE) Waiver when they turn age 65?**
- A2. No. The current policy allows PD Waiver consumers to transition to the FE Waiver when they turn 65 years of age if they wish. It is not a requirement. KDADS does not intend to change this policy.
- Q3. Is having a four (4) year degree a requirement for all functional eligibility assessors; or can “years of experience” a substitute for a 4 year degree?**
- A3. To be consistent with current and proposed eligibility assessor qualifications listed within the PD Waiver, all eligibility assessors must have a 4 year college degree to meet qualification requirements.
- Q4. Would KDADS and/or the ADRCs consider contracting with Kansas Centers for Independent Living (KCIL) for delivery of Independent Living Philosophy training for assessors?**
- A4. The KDADS contracted assessor may choose a sub-contractor to provide Independent Living Philosophy Training.

- Q5. If an individual is already determined to have a primary diagnosis of Severe and Persistent Mental Illness (SPMI) or Severe Emotional Disturbance (SED), what is the rationale for the assessor to refer the individual to a Community Mental Health Center (CMHC)?**
- A5. The PD Waiver is not designed for those with a primary diagnosis of SPMI, SED or other mental health needs to receive services on the program. If the assessor identifies that the individual may potentially meet the level of care (LOC) eligibility requirements for either the SED or IDD waivers, the assessor will make the appropriate referral to the CMHC or CDDO for the appropriate LOC assessment to be completed for the appropriate waiver.
- Q6. Is it the expectation of KDADS that potential HCBS-PD consumers will have to undergo duplicative determinations for their physical disability? If DCF verifies Social Security Administration determination or completes presumptive eligibility, why would the consumer undergo the same process prior?**
- A6. The assessor will screen for reasonable indicators prior to the completion of the LOC assessment to determine whether a LOC assessment is appropriate based on program criteria.
- Q7. How does KDADS intend to inform potential PD waiver consumers of their appeal rights specific to a new PD eligibility process?**
- A7. If a screen for reasonable indicators is applied appropriately prior to the completion of an assessment and the consumer is determined to not meet that screening an FAI should not be completed by the assessor. If the KDADS program manager determines the consumer is ineligible, KDADS will issue a notice of action (NOA) for the adverse action.
- Q8. Will the ADRC have access to KAN-be-Healthy (EPSDT) screening data for individuals under the age of 21; if yes, how?**
- A8. This is not a requirement under the proposed HCBS-Physical Disability waiver renewal.
- Q9. Should the ADRC continue to assist eligible participants in accessing the Medicaid application by referring prospective Medicaid customers to the DCF and KDHE offices?**
- A9. KDADS assumes, if a prospective customer needs assistance in completing the Medicaid application prior to submitting paperwork to the DCF office for Medicaid eligibility, the ADRC will continue to be a resource agency for assistance in completing those applications.
- Q10. May the ADRC gain access to client obligation and Parent Fee information; if yes, how?**
- A10. No. Client obligation and parent fee information will not be available to the ADRC.